



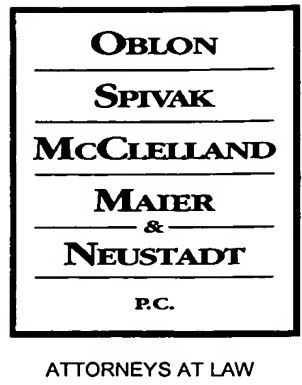
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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/082,115
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Group Art Unit: 1617
Examiner: Gina Yu

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Requirement for Restriction

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6 and 12-14, drawn to a composition. Applicants elect with traverse, diamide in formula (C), wherein, $n=2$. Claims 1-14 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

Group I: Claims 1-6 and 12-14, drawn to a composition;
Group II: Claims 7, 10 and 11, drawn to a method of reinforcing the water retaining ability of horny layers;
Group III: Claims 8, 10 and 11, drawn to reinforcing the skin barrier functions; and
Group IV: Claims 9, 10 and 11, drawn to a method of treating hair.

In addition, the Examiner is requiring the election of a single disclosed specie for diamide of formula (C).